Restructured TUF Scheme

*88. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently approved the restructured Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF) scheme;

(b) if so, whether any relief has been provided to the textile exporters who have been severely hit due to appreciation of rupee against dollar and are battling for survival;

(c) if so, the details thereof and measures proposed to encourage the entry of potential players into this sector; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme does not address the problems arising out of Rupee appreciation against dollar.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Incursions by Chinese Army into Indian Territory

*89. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ascertained the facts regarding media reports quoting the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) on recurrent incursions by Chinese Army into Indian territory in Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has taken up the specific instances of such incursions during recent high level interactions with China;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various Government agencies have differing stands on this issue; and

(d) if so, the reasons for discord among Government agencies?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The perception of Line of Actual Control (LAC) of both India and China overlaps at many places of India-China border. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situation have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. In order to address this issue, the matter has been taken up at appropriate level in the Government. The two sides have signed the Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in 1993, Agreement on Confidence Building Measures (CBM) in the Military Field in 1996, protocol on Modalities for the implementations of CBMs in Military Field along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China Border Areas, in 2005 and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2006. As a follow up to this MoU, the Annual Defence Dialogue between the two sides was held at Beijing during 12-13 November, 2007.

Government regularly takes up such perceived violations along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms set up under these Agreement/Protocol including the Joint Working Group, the Expert Group border personnel meetings, flag meeting and normal diplomatic channels. Mechanism to address instance of instrusion along the LAC are well established. Peace abd tranquility has been maintained on the border areas.